

## HAPPENINGS IN ILLINOIS CITIES AND TOWNS

### TRAMPS THROUGH SNOW ALL DAY SEEKING BONDSMAN FOR HER FIANCÉ

Miss Zora Hester, Despite Her Failure to Secure Her Lover's Release So They Could Be Married as Planned, Vows She Will Be True to Him—Three Men Accused of Stealing Silver Bullock Waive Preliminary Hearing and Are Held in \$7,000 Bail Each.



The three alleged robbers and the young woman who is engaged to marry one of them—William Majors.

Breaking the bands and the binding snow, Miss Zora Hester, the fiancee of William Majors, one of the three alleged silver-bullock thieves, tramped from place to place in East St. Louis yesterday, from 11 a.m. until late at night, in a frantic effort to secure someone who would stand on his bond, so that he could be released and they could be married last evening.

Last evening, tearful, and realizing the futility of her labors, she declared that it would make no difference in her love for Majors; that she would wait until he was released if no other way presented itself, so they could be married. Both were hopeful and sanguine that Majors would not be sent to the Penitentiary.

Miss Hester is the pretty daughter of Miss John Hester of East St. Louis and is the second girl in the family to be engaged to Majors. Her sister, Cora, it is said, was engaged to Majors, but Mrs. Hester refused to permit the wedding to take place, and a few months later the engagement of Miss Zora to Majors was announced. Miss Zora is two years older than her sister, who is not quite 18. The wedding date was set for yesterday.

Since Sunday Miss Hester has been

### DID THIS MULE DIE VOLUNTARILY?

Justice Must Determine Whether Animal's Death Was Suicide or Murder on Car Tracks

led a mule, the property of E. H. Carson, a coal and ice dealer of East St. Louis, deliberately step in front of a street car with the intention of committing suicide, or was the accident, which the mule was killed due to carelessness on the part of the street car company?

This is a question which Justice of the Peace Stinson of East St. Louis said yesterday he would decide to-morrow morning. The street car company holds that the mule committed suicide, while Carson claims that the accident was carelessness on the part of the street car company.

The accident in which the mule lost its life occurred on the tracks of the Illinois Avenue line of East St. Louis July 1 of this year. The efforts of Carson to effect justice have been fruitless, and the amount which he alleged was the value of the animal. The case is still before Justice St. Louis.

Charles Loring, a driver for Carson says that he was driving south on Martin Street, did not see the street car until the right rear wheel hit the mule, which was running across the road. St. Clair jumped just before the collision, but Calaway apparently did not notice it. He was caught in the wheelchair. His left leg was broken and his head was hurt.

CHARLES FRANCKE'S PARSON A SURPRISE.

"Conn" Was Sentenced in Jail Delivery Case.

The news that "Conn" Richard von Francke, one of the men who participated in the attempted jail delivery in 1899, in which Sheriff Herman Barnickel of Belleville lost his life, was paroled from the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, created considerable surprise at Belleville yesterday, had been arrested on a charge of stealing, various instruments, and was awaiting trial when the jail delivery was planned, in which the Barnickel home was broken into and the hands of one of the prisoners, Frank Thompson, was cut off. The connection with this affair and was sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary. In his incarceration there he made his escape once and was brought back.

Several attempts have been made to release him by Chicago people, who are believed to be trying to him. It is said that the condition of his health is such that a pardon was justified.

CRYSTAL ON TRIAL FOR KILLING. Steamfitter Declares He Killed Lynch in Self-Defense.

William Crystal, a steamfitter, is on trial in the Circuit Court at Belleville on a charge of murdering John Lynch, a butcher, in an alley on Whipple Street, East St. Louis, on April 1, of last year. Crystal pleads self-defense. His attorneys for the State all try to prove that he shot Lynch through the back. It is thought that he would take the case to the jury, which was secured just at the beginning of the trial. The taking of testimony will begin this morning.

Foot Crushed by Machinery. Louis Joseph, employed at the Swift packing plant at the National Stock Yards, died today at No. 1000½ Water Street, East St. Louis, at 11:30 a.m. He lost his right foot as the result of an accident at the packing-house yesterday. His foot was caught in a meat chopper, and was partially crushed. He was taken to the Hospital, where he was attended by Dr. J. C. Wilhelms.

St. Louis Marriage License. Marriage license issued in East St. Louis yesterday went to Thomas Brown, 29, and Lillian B. Blane, 17, both of East St. Louis; Walls, Sampson, 28, of Alton, Ky., and Elizabeth Hickman, 26, of St. Louis; Herbert Jones, 25, of East St. Louis; Harry George, 21, of Bloomington, and Charles Geiger, 21, of Bloomington.

G. A. R. Officers Installed. Major Post, G. A. R., and the Women's Relief Corps of Belleville had a joint installation of officers last evening in their quarters. The affair was largely attended by members of the organization, the old soldiers and a good time was had.

Death of H. M. Patterson. H. M. Patterson, well-known as "Dixie," a well-to-do farmer of Godfrey, died late yesterday night after an illness of six weeks. He was survived by his wife and several children. The funeral will be held to-day at the home of the deceased in Godfrey, and burial will be in the Godfrey Cemetery.

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## PRETTY GIRL AIDS SALVATION ARMY

Miss Rosie Summers, Cashier in Stock Yards Restaurant, Raises a Large Sum.

## DONS BONNET AND COAT.

Takes Place of Lassie to Whom No Attention Was Paid When She Entered the Place—Tambourine Filled.

Miss Rosie Summers, pretty cashier in the Exchange Restaurant at the National Stock Yards, in East St. Louis, yesterday donned the bonnet and coat of a Salvation Army lassie, and with tambourine in hand made the circuit of the big dining-room at the dinner hour.

When she had finished the tambourine was filled to overflowing with silver dollars, several gold pieces, and paper money.

Miss Summers is popular with stockmen at the National Stock Yards. When a Salvation Army lassie entered the restaurant few paid any attention to her.

Miss Summers saw the disappointed look of the Salvation Army girl, and she proposed that they change places for a few minutes and she would take up a collection.

Miss Summers drew on the pink bonnet, threw the cap over her shoulders and seizing the tambourine, entered the dining-room. At the first table were Robert Conway, general manager of the Armour Packing Company; Charles T. Jones, general manager of the National Stock Yards; Al Keecher and Jeff Daniels, commission men in the stock yards.

The pink bonnet was neatly made by Miss Summers, and it cost each member of the quartet 50 cents.

Miss Summers did not mind a table and she placed it as much as she could afford.

The tambourine was filled to overflowing by the generous offerings collected by Miss Summers, and the Salvation Army lassie was made happy.

## JUDGE INTERRUPTED AT MEAL TO THE MATRIMONIAL KNOT.

Eager Pair Express Regret, Stating That They Were Unable to Find Another Official in East St. Louis.

Justice of the Peace James M. Beach of East St. Louis was interrupted last night while at supper at the Wiles Hotel by Harry C. Lee of East St. Louis and Charlotte Gehring of Bloomington, Ill., whose desire was that they be married with the least possible delay, coupled with the fact that they were unable to find anyone else to tie the matrimonial knot necessitated their action.

Justice Beach with a ready receptacle of paper and pencil in his pocket and made the pair man and wife. When Judge Beach returned to his meal it was with a \$5 bill as an appetizer.

BANK ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT. J. C. Van Riper Succeeds Paul W. Abt in First National.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of East St. Louis yesterday, Paul W. Abt, who has been the president of that concern for many years, resigned because of other business, and J. C. Van Riper was elected president instead.

Paul W. Abt and Thomas L. Folke were elected vice presidents and the corner of Jackson and Fourth streets, to ease E. P. Gowin cashier.

The children of the Krentzel Mellerstedt family will give their annual children's party at the Mellerstedt Hall Saturday night.

It is stated that work at the Hartman-Hay and Bels hall mills will be resumed Monday.

## TRAUTMANN MEN ARE IN CONTROL

His Friends Will Dominate Republican Steering Committee of the House.

## SHOULD RETAIN THE HELM.

With Allies in Senate They Should Be Able to Dictate Work of Assembly—House May Adjourn Till Next Tuesday.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 10.—Speaker Shantz to-night announced the Republican Steering Committee of the House.

W. C. Church of Chicago is the chairman and the remainder of the committee is as follows: W. E. Trautmann of St. Clair, R. E. Penderick of Cook, Wilfred Arnold of Knox, Frederick Haines of Winnebago, Charles A. Allen of Vermilion, D. E. Shanahan of Cook, W. W. Gillespie of Jo Daviess, J. B. Castle of De Kalb, Walter M. Peacock of Galena, Charles C. Moore of McLean, and W. H. Smith of Marion.

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